THE GAMER

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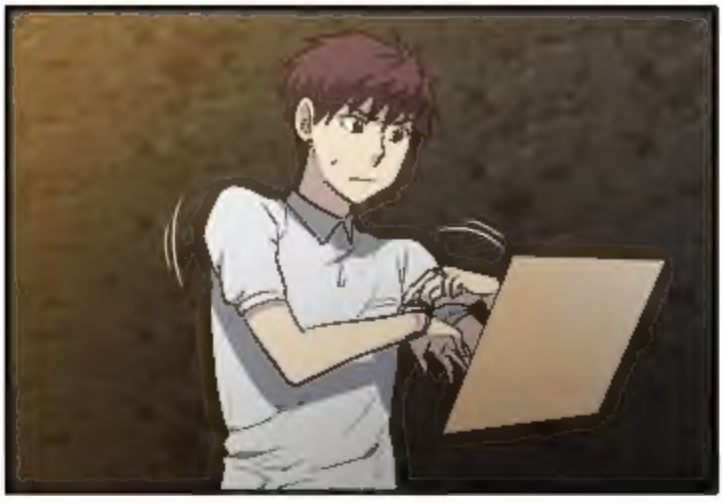
<ENTERING THE GREAT LABYRINTH>



PREZ.

CHIK

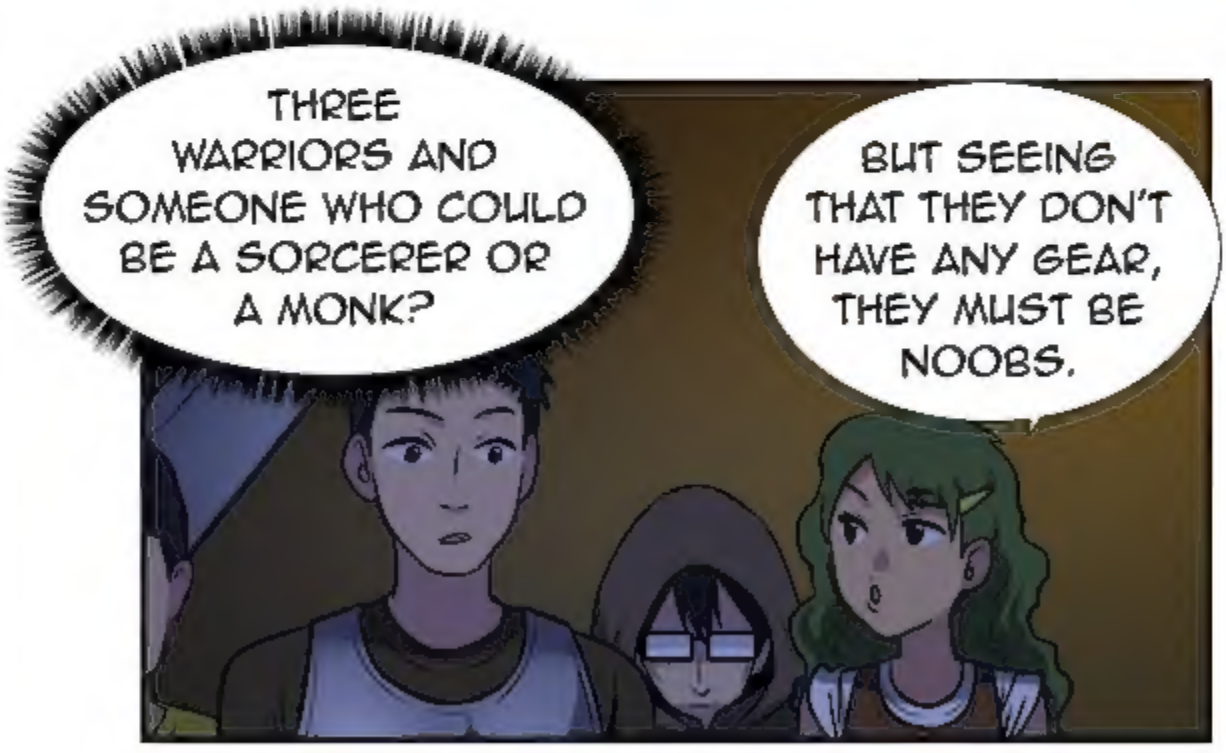
STEP
STEP

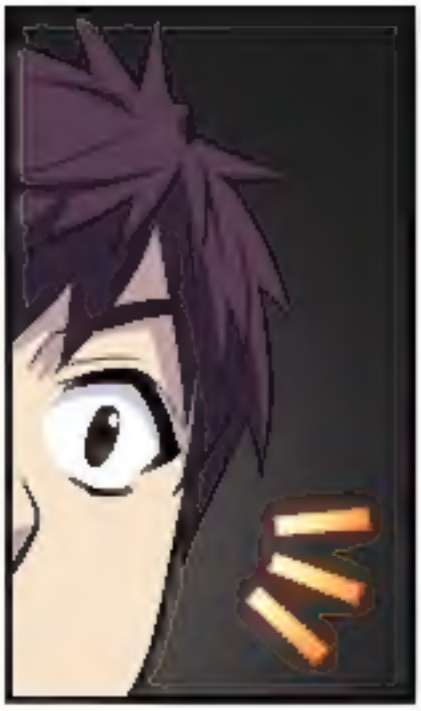
HUH?

THERE'S ANOTHER PARTY IN HERE?

WHAT...

WHAT IS THAT WEIRD PARTY?


THREE WARRIORS AND SOMEONE WHO COULD BE A SORCERER OR A MONK?
BUT SEEING THAT THEY DON'T HAVE ANY GEAR, THEY MUST BE NOOBS.



JUDGING FROM THE WAY THEY TALK AND ACT, IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE USED TO THE LABYRINTH.

THAT MEANS THAT THEY'VE ALREADY BEEN HERE A LOT.
BUT HOW?

HH...
WHO? WHAT? HUH?
PREZ SAID SHE COMES HERE IN DREAMS.
THEN DO THESE GUYS FORM A PARTY EVERY TIME THEY DREAM?

BUT WHAT DO THEY MEAN ABOUT NOOBS AND GEAR?

ARE THEY SAYING THAT THEY CAN LEVEL UP EVEN IN DREAMS?
JUST LIKE MY NATURAL-BORN ABILITY AS THE GAMER?

HUM HUM, KIDS.

I'M KNOWN AS SUNGCHUN PARK.
WHEN DID YOU GUYS START DUNGEONING?

DUNGEONING?
HUH? THAT'S A GAME TERM FOR ENTERING DUNGEON.
JEEZ... YOU'RE SUCH AN OLD MAN.
NOBODY SAYS 'DUNGEONING' ANYMORE.
ALMOST NO GEAR
THEY LOOK LIKE NOOBS ANYWAY SO LET'S JUST LEAVE THEM.
THEY'LL BE FINE ON THEIR OWN. IS THIS YOUR FIRST TIME SEEING A NOOB?

AND
THESE GUYS...
HUH?

STOP
STOP
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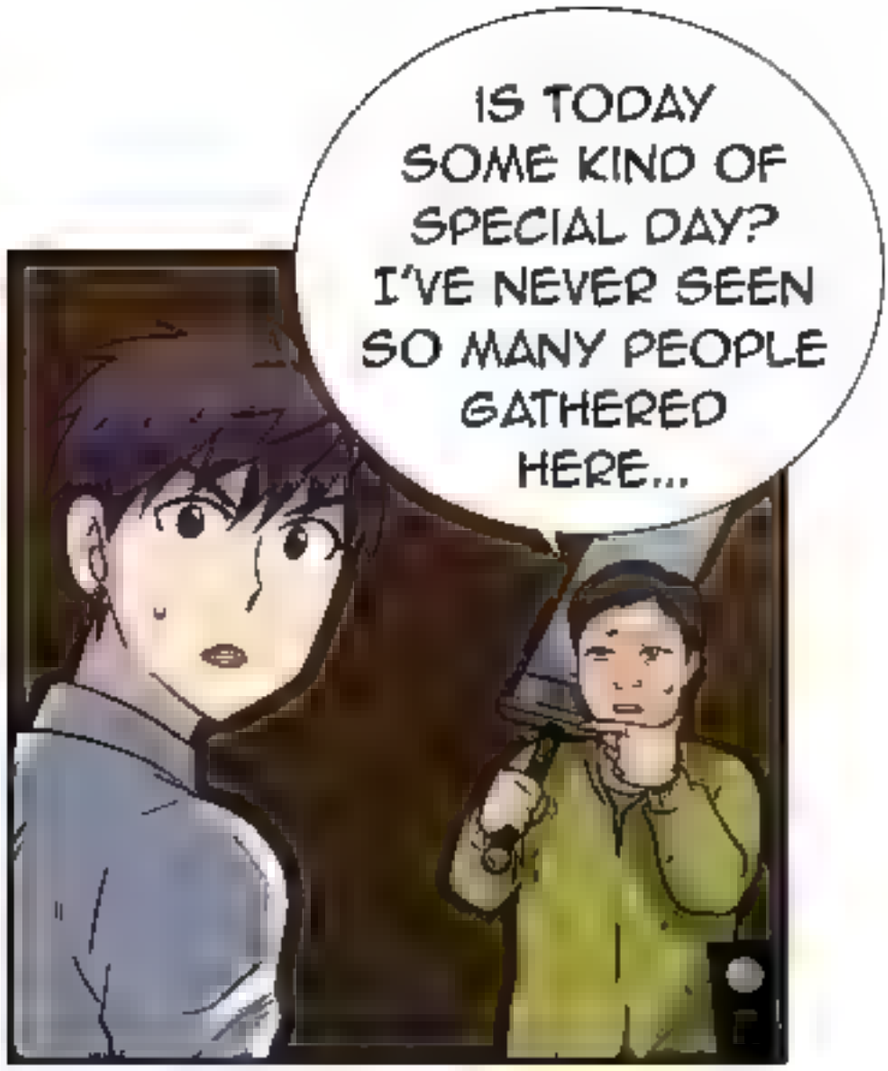
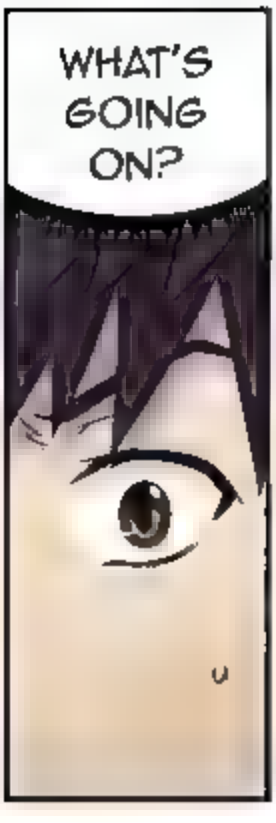

IS TODAY SOME KIND OF SPECIAL DAY? I'VE NEVER SEEN SO MANY PEOPLE GATHERED HERE...

WE HAVE THE PROTECTION OF THE VIKINGS! KILL THEM!
WHISH

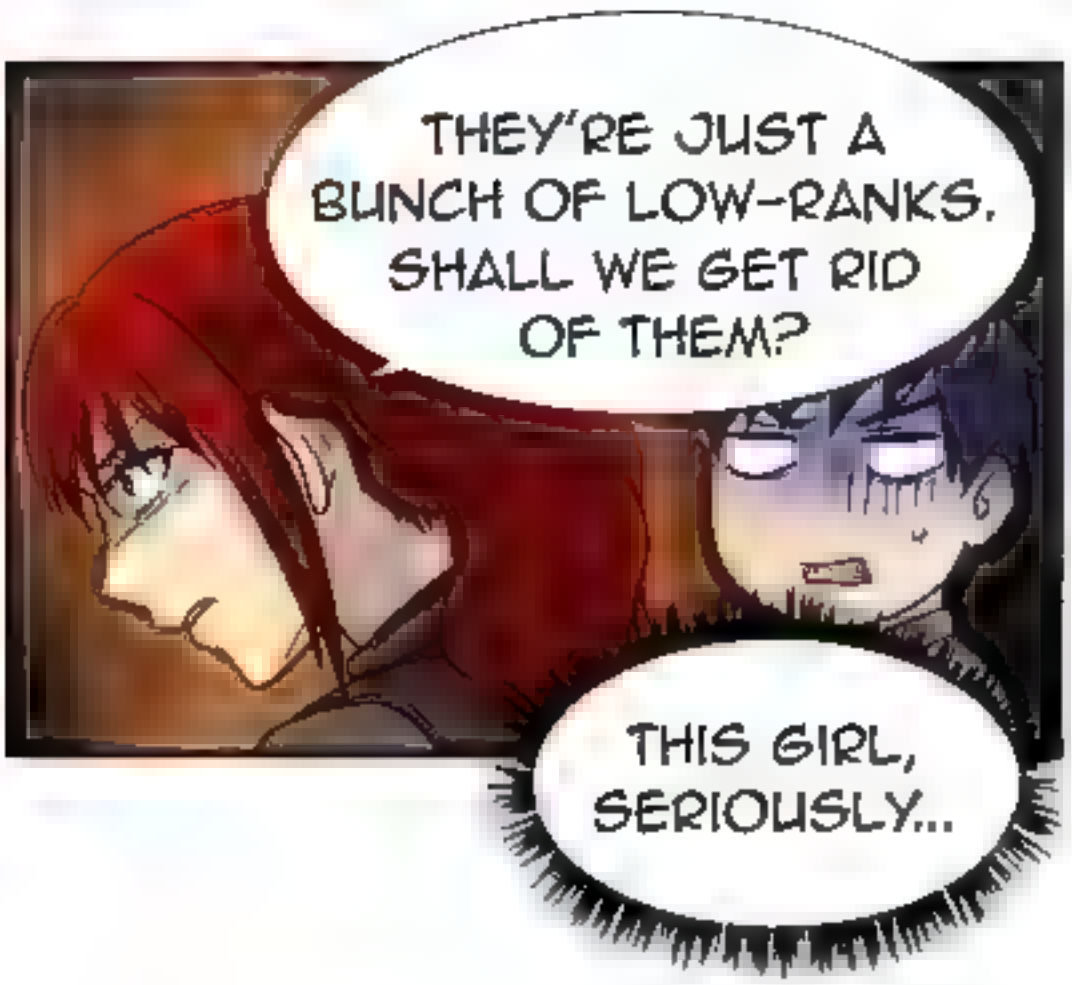
THOSE PUNKS ARE FROM THE VIKING GUILD!

AH CRAP. WE'RE IN A REAL FIX.
JUNG, MAKE SURE YOU GUARD US FROM BEHIND!
LET'S GO, SERIN!
OKAY!


WHAT'S GOING ON?

'KILL THEM?'
J-JIHAN. WHAT IS ALL THIS...?

IT'S OKAY.
DON'T WORRY.

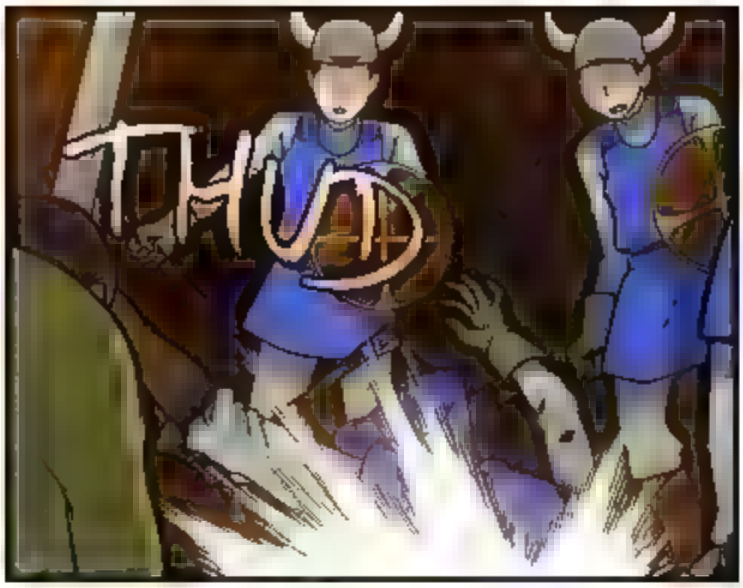

THEY'RE JUST A BUNCH OF LOW-RANKS. SHALL WE GET RID OF THEM?
THIS GIRL, SERIOUSLY...

LET'S JUST WAIT AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS.
WHOOAA
I NEED TO KNOW WHAT THE HECK IS GOING ON.

THE GAMER

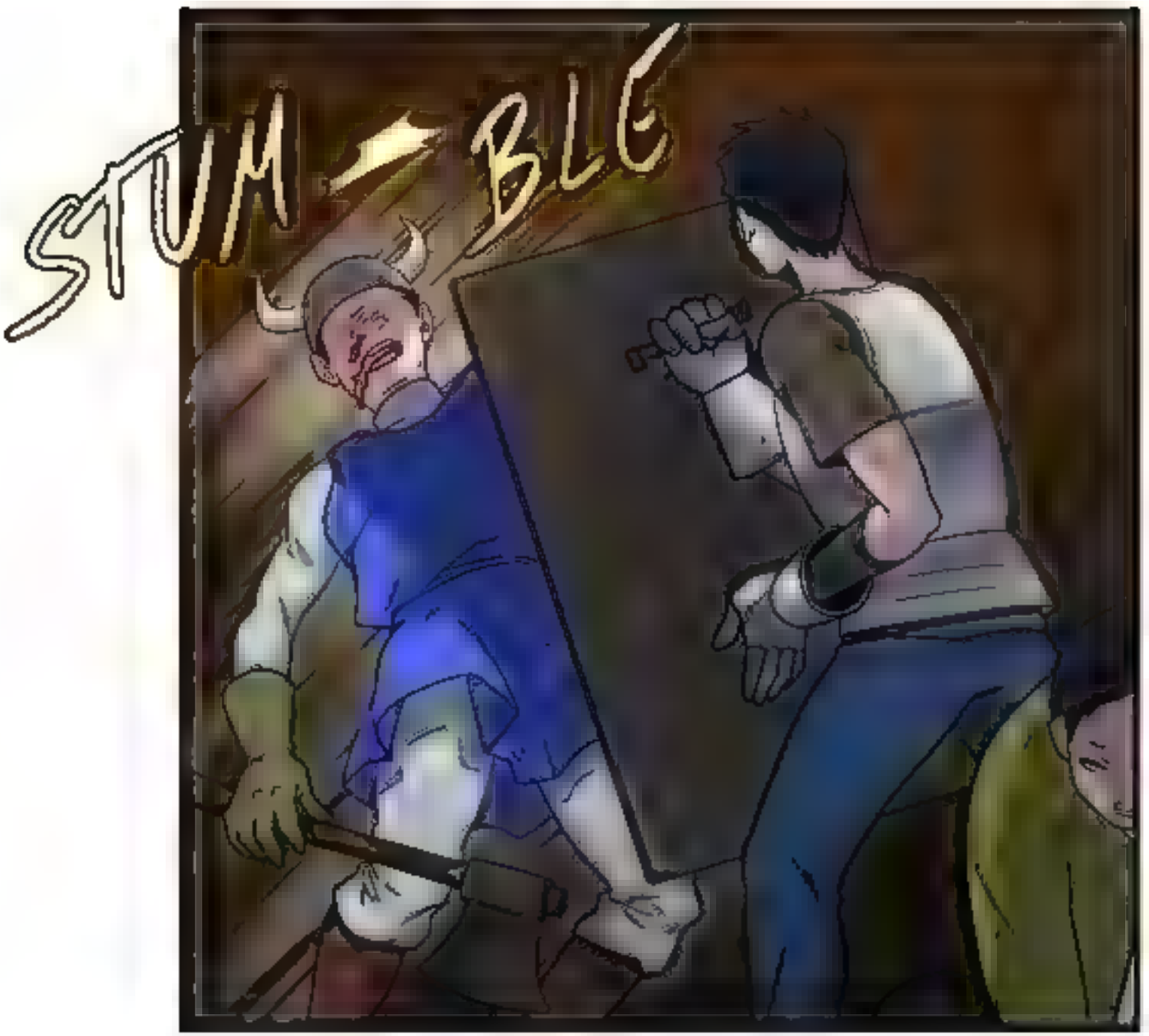
FLASH

LIGHTNING SLICE!
SWOOSH


THUD

SWING

SMASH


STUMBLE

DUN

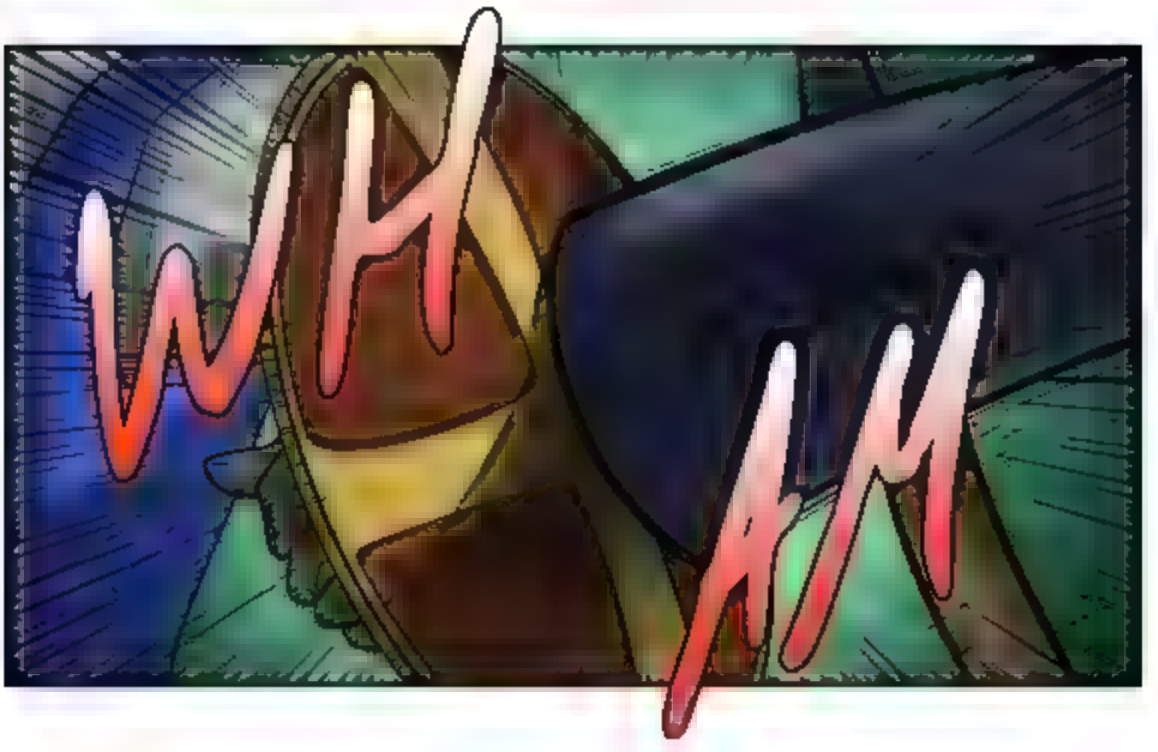
BLOW, NORTHERN WIND! BIND THEM WITH YOUR BREATH!

SSK

SSSK

WHISH

SMIRK


WHAM

FREEZING SPELLS DON'T WORK ON THESE GUYS! USE SOMETHING ELSE!

UGH!
STUM
BLG

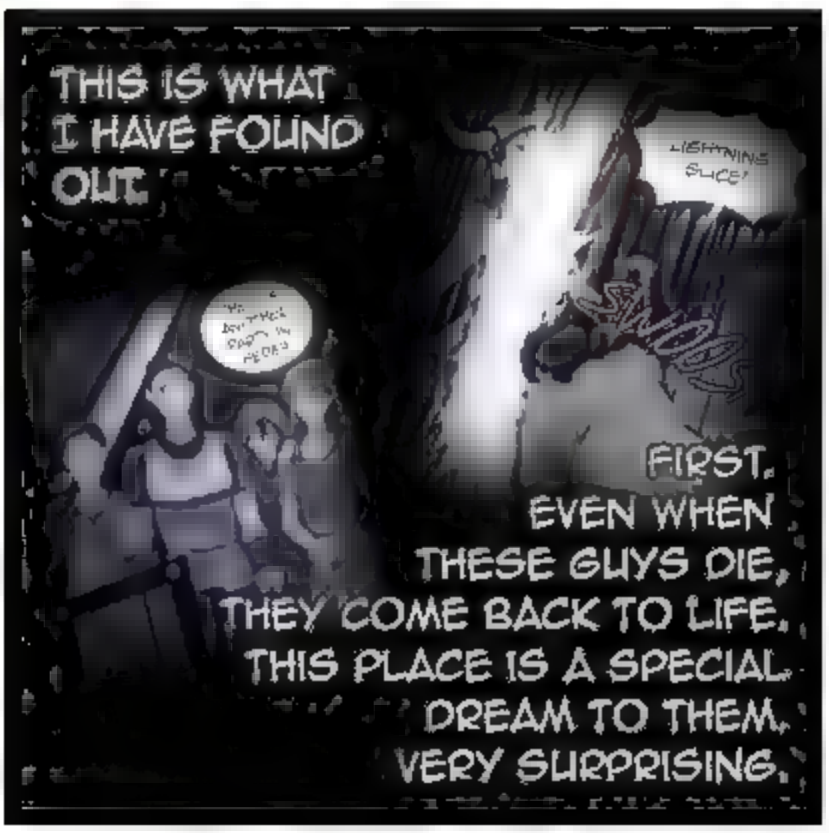
HEHEHEHE....

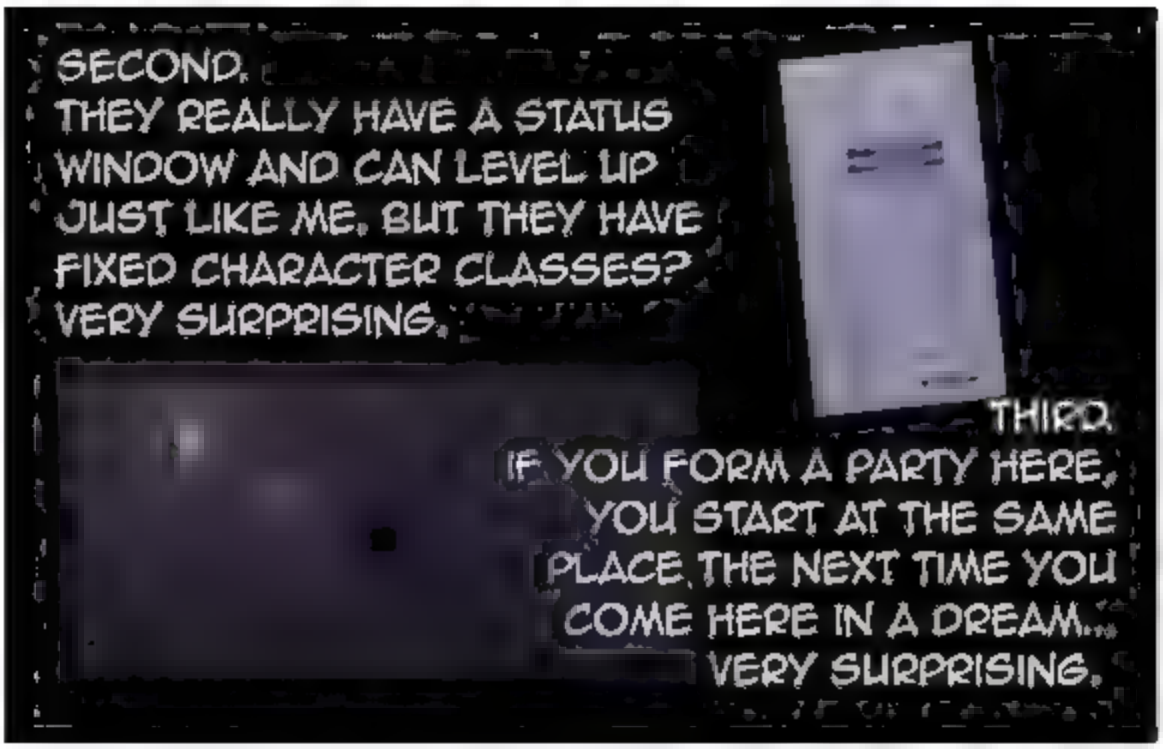
YOU'LL DIE BEFORE THEN!
SHIT

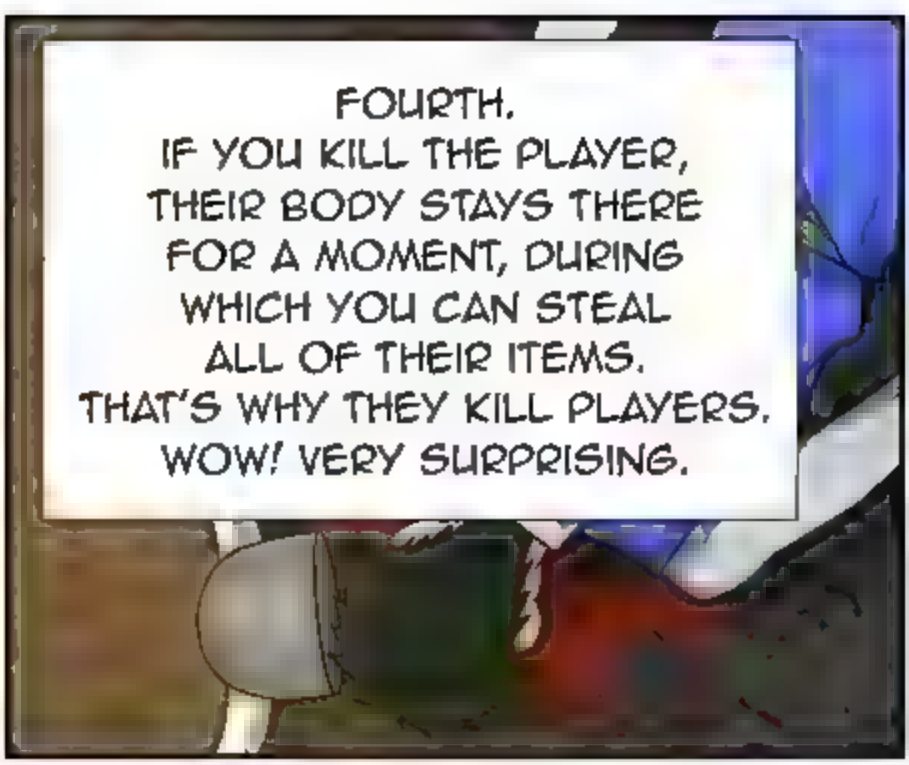
BIND. BIND. BIND. BIND. BIND.
BIND. BIND. BIND. BIND.
WHAT THE F##K?!
TWIRL
AAAGHH!
TWIRL
SQUEEZE

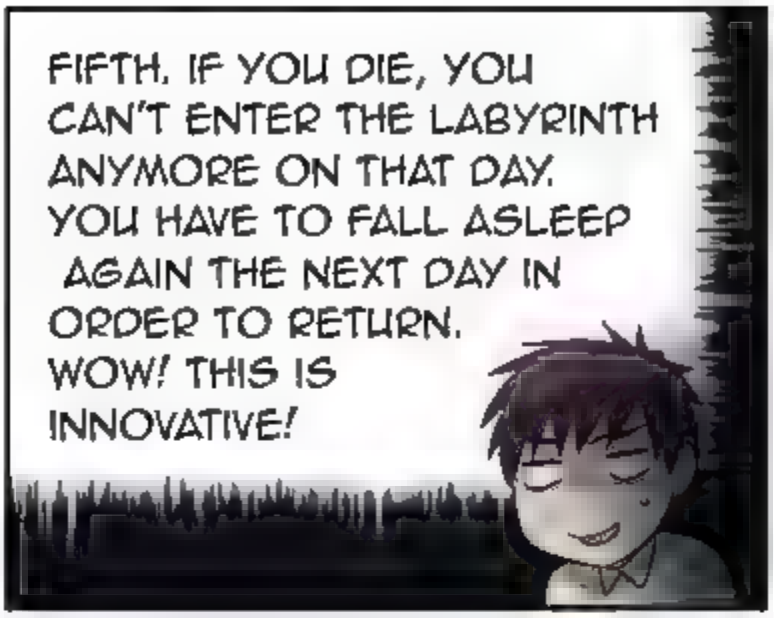
HEY! UNBIND US!

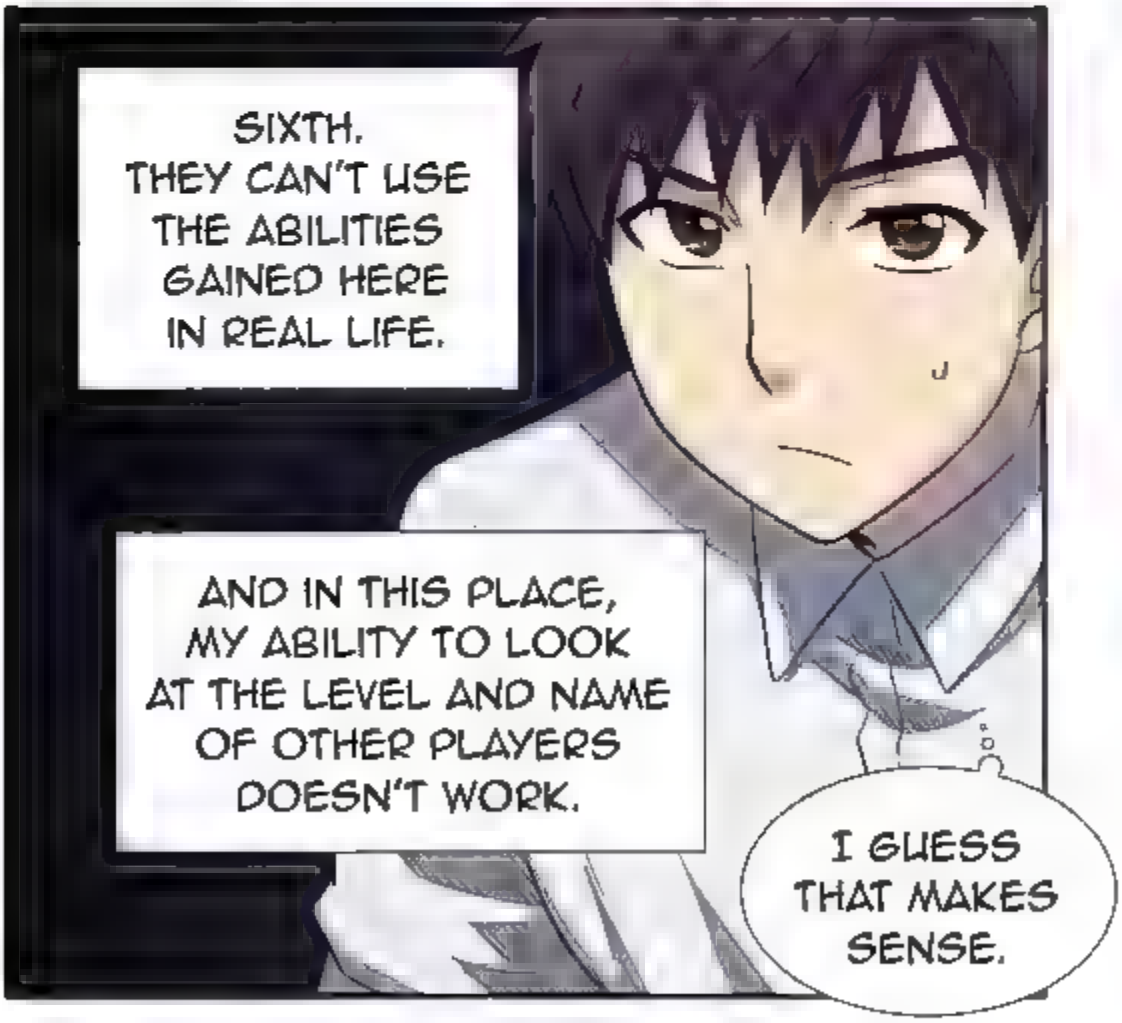
WHEW...
LET ME ASK YOU SOMETHING FIRST.


THIS IS WHAT I HAVE FOUND OUT
LIGHTNING SLICE!
FIRST, EVEN WHEN THESE GUYS DIE, THEY COME BACK TO LIFE. THIS PLACE IS A SPECIAL DREAM TO THEM. VERY SURPRISING.


SECOND.
THEY REALLY HAVE A STATUS WINDOW AND CAN LEVEL UP JUST LIKE ME. BUT THEY HAVE FIXED CHARACTER CLASSES? VERY SURPRISING.
THIRD.
IF YOU FORM A PARTY HERE, YOU START AT THE SAME PLACE THE NEXT TIME YOU COME HERE IN A DREAM... VERY SURPRISING.


FOURTH.
IF YOU KILL THE PLAYER, THEIR BODY STAYS THERE FOR A MOMENT, DURING WHICH YOU CAN STEAL ALL OF THEIR ITEMS.
THAT'S WHY THEY KILL PLAYERS.
WOW! VERY SURPRISING.


FIFTH. IF YOU DIE, YOU CAN'T ENTER THE LABYRINTH ANYMORE ON THAT DAY. YOU HAVE TO FALL ASLEEP AGAIN THE NEXT DAY IN ORDER TO RETURN.
WOW! THIS IS INNOVATIVE!


SIXTH. THEY CAN'T USE THE ABILITIES GAINED HERE IN REAL LIFE.
AND IN THIS PLACE, MY ABILITY TO LOOK AT THE LEVEL AND NAME OF OTHER PLAYERS DOESN'T WORK.
I GUESS THAT MAKES SENSE.

UNBIND US ALREADY!
I'M GOING TO STAB YOU TO DEATH!
SHOUT
SHOUT

WOW, QUITE THE SET OF PIPES THEY HAVE GOT.

EXCUSE ME... IF YOU'RE DONE HEARING WHAT WE HAVE TO SAY, COULD YOU UNTIE ME?

PLEASE?

RELEASE.
SSK
SSK

JUMP

YOU A$$HOLE! I'VE ALREADY MEMORIZED YOUR FACE!
WE WILL....

BIND.
AAAHHH
TWIRL

YOU GUYS ARE SO THICK IN THE HEAD...
STOP

LISTEN.
DO YOU THINK
I'M GOING TO
JUST LET YOU GO
IF YOU TALK LIKE
THAT?

SHIVER

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